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WE BELIEVE

In the verbal inspiration of the I. Bible

Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for

Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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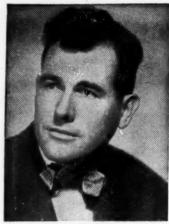
West Virginia has recently constructed a new beautiful state parsonage, and the new address of their state headquarters will be 414 North Kanawha Street, Beckley, W. Va., phone, 7912.-Paul H. Walker, State Overseer, West Virginia.

My address has been changed from 902 Eleventh Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, to Box 509, Minot, North Dakota; phone, 40-159.-Glenn C. Pettyjohn.

TENT WANTED

I have the gift of healing and need a gospel tent and folding chairs. Write best price on either.-Webster E. Baker, 729 South Dixie, Lake Worth, Florida.

Rev. Tom B. Myers, who has been mightily used of God in the salvation of souls and praying for the sick, will be free to travel in the Church of God from Jan. 1, 1950, on. I have worked with Brother Myers considerably and find him to be a very precious man of God, full of faith and good works. He will be a great blessing to any church.



Tom B. Myers

Thousands have been healed under His ministry. Those wishing to secure Rev. Tom B. Myers as an evangelist in your church should write at once to me, as I am making arrangements for Brother Myers. I can recommend him to you as a sincere Christian and a very able speaker and evangelist.-Glenn C. Pettyjohn, State Overseer, North and South Dakota.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

My little boy to be healed.—Mrs. Daniel R. ones, Blacksburg, Va.
My lost loved ones; the healing of my body.

My lost loved ones; the healing of my body.

—Ethel Palmer, Senecs, S. C.
My father, who is in a very bad condition.

—Mrs. Lena Mabe, Dublin, Va.
My father, S. R. Talley, who is suffering from cancer.—W. A. Talley.

The healing of my daughter who has virus pneumonia.—Mrs. Ebble Garrett, Loyall, Ky.

The healing of my body; my dad to draw closer to God; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs.
C. Teague, Detroit, Mich.
God to save my brother.—A Reader.
My uncle to be healed.— W. R. Wheeler, Maud, Okla.

My husband and children to be saved.—Mrs. W. Whitlow, Rich Creek, Va.

Me to be healed.-Lillie Mooney, Galax, Va My throat to be healed.—Mrs. Mollie Half Dyer, Tenn.

Dyer, Tenn.

God to heal my little girl who is in a home for crippled children.—Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Clearwater, Fla.

My husband to be healed; the healing of my body.—A Sister, Dalton, Ga.

The healing of my body; my loved ones.—Mollie A. Jones, Rising Fawn, Ga.

My son to be saved.—Mrs. Carrie Vaughn, Macon, Ga.

The healing of my body—Lucille Daniel.

Macon, Cs.

The healing of my body.—Lucille Daniel,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Me to become stronger; my wife and family;
me to receive the Holy Chost.—John Douglas,

Cleveland, Tenn.

CHRISTMAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Dear Co-workers:

-send Christian greetings to you Everyone-including the personnel and children-

on the field who help make this noble work possible.

Before many of us realize it, the holiday season will be here, and we know you want "our children" to have a happy, joyous Christmas. They do not have Mother and Father to go to with their desires; therefore, they come to us. We do not want to disappoint them, but to give them a Christmas as similar as possible to what they

would have if they were in a private home. You can help us realize this desire by giving the following suggestion your consideration:

By planning now to have individuals, Sunday School classes, Sunday Schools, Y.P.E.'s and churches on your district send clothing, toys, candy, fruit, or other gift boxes.

If you will do this, we shall have a happy lot of children Christmas morning at our Orphanage. THE CHILDREN'S AGES RANGE FROM TWO TO SEVENTEEN YEARS. All receipts will be reported in the EVANGEL by states. Whatever you do will be sincerely appreciated by everyone. If possible, let us hear from you by December 18. SEND ALL PACKAGES TO—

The Church of God Orphanage Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent SEVIERVILLE, Tennessee

Editorials...

ILLINOIS

The Illinois prayer conference, October 18-20, entertained by the good host pastor, Graham Stilwell, at Benton, was indeed a time of great fellowship, prayer, preaching, inspiration, and business—only very essential business.

It was a matter of compliment to the 45 pastors that they were all present and giving support to their able state overseer, M. P. Cross, of years of service as state overseer and other very responsible general positions in the Church. Outstanding revivals were in progress in several of the churches, but the pastors were right there to help make the prayer conference the success that it was, and they went back with renewed zeal and inspiration to continue their revivals, while others returned to their churches to start revivals.

Illinois has a very beautiful 10-acre state campground, with rest rooms, cabins, kitchen, and dining room. On the last day of the conference the steel arrived, and I wouldn't be surprised if the framing isn't up by now, and the roof going on the new tabernacle. The designing for the rostrum is something new, but excellent, in that the speaker's platform will be at the right side and end of the rostrum, which will make it convenient for the speaker to face the choir and audience, and everyone hear him throughout the 80 by 120 foot auditorium on concrete blocks and steel. They are contemplating having, as best I remember, a great meeting in the new tabernacle even before their state convention and camp meeting.

BOYS' HOME SOLD

The Lee Highway Boys' Home has been sold to the Knoxville Presbytery for \$78,000. It is quite coincidental, and a fact that brings delight to our hearts, that the home is to be used right on as an orphanage.

The Knoxville Presbytery, which made the purchase, is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of the United States. The Lee Highway Home was purchased so as to move the Bachman Memorial Home at Farner, Tenn., which was originally a Bible School for boys, then grew into the establishment for orphan boys and girls. It is estimated that 50 children will be moved to the Lee Highway Home by January 1, and that the eventual enrollment will reach 75.

At this time all our children are very comfortably and pleasantly located in our former Bible Training School at Sevierville, and the Superintendent informed me that they are very happy and delighted with their new home. Don't forget to pay them a visit, and see the great Smoky Mountain National Park at the same time.

HUNTSVILLE LAWSUIT SETTLED

It was my privilege to be with Pastor Willard Williamson at Huntsville, Sunday, November 6, in two wonderful services in which there were three great meals enjoyed—two spiritual and one material (and was that dinner a dinner of dinners!). During the service the pastor

raised most of their Lee College quota and took apparent delight in it.

I had the congregation looking surprised by my introductory remark in the morning service, that, "I am disappointed," but soon eased the tension to laughing when I told them I really expected the privilege of sitting on a nail keg for my first time in church.

The following statement from the Huntsville, Alabama, newspaper explains why I didn't have that privilege:

"The Rev. Williamson reported on November 4, that an agreement was reached for an \$8,000 cash settlement and the return of a tent, piano, chairs, pews, and Bible stand which were seized last June by textile mill employees.

"The Huntsville Church of God pastor, in his bill of complaint, contended he had been arrested falsely by police on the instigation of local textile mill officials. The incident was connected with the ouster of the Church of God congregation and equipment from a site they had rented to conduct a revival.

"Church officials filed a \$250,000 damage suit against the Huntsville Manufacturing Co., Andrew Floyd, personnel manager, and Mr. Elliot in a recent term of Circuit Court. The church was awarded a \$7,000 judgment in a jury verdict.

"Lawyers for the company filed notice of appeal on this verdict, which has been pending. This appeal and the Rev. Williamson's damage suit are now both settled. Judging by the terms of the first judgment and the consequent settlement, the pastor was awarded \$1,000 by the local textile company."

As one who has been associated with every phase of this case, saw the tent taken down and hauled away and hugged Brother Williamson's neck in the jail room when we bonded him out, I'd like to say that I am glad settlement has been made.

The Corporation, of which Huntsville Manufacturing Company is a subsidiary, is a great corporation and has been and still is a great blessing to a number of our churches throughout the textile industrial South, and although there was some bad bungling of affairs at Huntsville, by the management, which unjustly embarrassed and humiliated our pastor and membership, that was an exception, and a rare one; in fact, so far as I know, the first to ever arise between any of our churches and the company anywhere. Therefore, the Church of God has respect for the corporation and acknowledges that the action of the management of a subsidiary of so large a corporation is apt to do things at times that are out of harmony with the corporation's policies and wishes.

We hope for a restoration of good will between our church and the mill at Huntsville, Ala., and to maintain the good will existing elsewhere with the corporation.

TALLADEGA

A few Sundays ago my son, Clytus Elliott, and I drove down to be with Rev. O. O. Philen, pastor of the Talladega, Ala., Church for an all-day service. The morning service was devoted to a message and raising money on the church indebtedness. The offering amounted to between two and three hundred dollars, and that without very much effort. The afternoon service was made very inspiring by general and special singing and sermonettes by several of the ministers on the district. It was a pleasure to be with Brother Philen and his good membership.



Why I Belong to the Church of God

By D. C. BOATWRIGHT, State Overseer of Michigan

There is a reason why 160,000 people belong to The Church of God today to make up the greatest number ever to belong to the Church. There are over 100,000 right here in the United States of America. We had a gain last year of over 25,000 members and if this growth continues for ten years, we shall become the greatest Pentecostal group in the world. There is a very good reason why this trend toward The Church of God. It is because those who read and study the Bible see that God does have a church that is both spiritual and literal, and they see that which entitles us to the blessings and promises that God's Word makes to the Church. Too, they see that The Church of God with headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn., is practicing the teachings and carrying out the Bible government outlined for the Church, and it is this act of obedience that brings the smile of God's divine approval upon us and entitles us to enjoy the benefits and promises made to the Church.

I belong to The Church of God today because it is founded upon God's Word, and we are endeavorng to carry out the teachings, not as some who only practice that which suits their fancy, but we accept all of it. Another reason why I belong to The Church of God is because it was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ and is no man-made organization, as are so many right here in the State of Michigan. But bear this in mind, this is no one-man show, as the result of accepting Bible government, which God set in the Church, 1 Cor. 12:28, God hath set in the Church helps, governments; every member in the church is accountable to somone else, from the least member to the General Overseer, and if they refuse to obey the teachings of the Church as taken from the Bible, they are disfellowshiped until such a time as they feel they are willing to obey "them that are over you in the Lord."

The reason so many don't want to accept this form of government is be-

cause they don't want to do right, but as they please. And it is because of this great blood-purchased, Bibleordained organization that Pentecostal bums and those who want to live a perverse life are kept on the outside.

Some are advocating the destruction of all organizations, stating that they are "carnal" and man-made. This may be true of some of the many free churches here in the city of Detroit, and the great state of Michigan. Many of these works were started after a church fuss, and because they couldn't run the show, they started another work, calling it any name that entered their heads.

This is carnality. But this isn't true of The Church of God; she is built on the Rock and was purchased by the blood of Jesus. As the result, it is different from those so planned by some man or woman who decides that he or she wants an independent work so he or she can be the boss. And The Church of God isn't man-made, but God-made, so, you organization fighters who would advocate the overthrow of all organizations, remember this when you fight the great Church of God, you are fighting against God.

Now in closing this article, I say this: We are not soliciting members, but we feel it is everyone of God's children's privilege and solemn duty to unite as soon as possible with The Church of God to help us wage a greater warfare against sin and the devil and make God's plan a reality. We get into the family of God through the new birth, and into the Church through the right hand of fellowship.

I belong to The Church of God because she is carrying out the teachings of the Bible and accepts the New Testament as her rule of government, and is practicing all the Bible, not just a part.

State Activities . . .

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WEST VIRGINIA ORGANIZES STATE CHAPTER—OFFERS LEE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

During West Virginia's recent ministers' meeting and prayer conference, the West Virginia alumni organized its state chapter, as well as offered a Lee College scholarship. The enthusaism was high and the ministry as a whole backed up the program which was submitted by the state chapter.

The Princeton Church of God, of which Rev. C. R. Callahan is pastor, is also offering a scholarship to Lee College for the 1950-51 term.

A. L. Smith

Lee College News

CLASS OFFICERS

The following are the Lee College class officers for the 1949-1950 school year.

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Treasurer . . . Norman Jones, Ore. HERE AND THERE

Secretary Oba Carden, Ga.

Information concerning former classmates.

Nathaniel and Mary (Luallen) Jones are evangelizing in the state of North

Ruby Thompson is now Mrs. Walter Beckman, of Mound City, South Dakota, where her husband is pastor of the local church, Ruby is state youth director of South Dakota.

Winston Elliott received a B. A. degree this spring from the University in Denver, Colorado. He is now dean of boys at the International Prepara-

tory Institute in San Antonio, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Mortenson are pastoring a church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Gene and Benita (Farris) Christenbury are back at Lee this year. Gene is enrolled in the College Division and Benita is doing secretarial work in the Registrar's office.

Jackie and Ethel (McClintock) Kile are residing in Electra. Texas, where Jackie is assistant manager of a furniture store

Odell and Gracie (Conger) Vest are living in Miami, Florida.

Doris Walker is now Mrs. Max Akins. They are living in Cleveland while her husband is attending Lee this year.

Elouise Collier is in nurse's training in Augusta, Georgia, preparing for foreign mission work.

Sally Pettitt is now Mrs. Fount Mc-Cormic, of Royal Oak, Michigan. They have one daughter who is nearly two.

Ina Paling is married to Charles Perkins, of Port Huron, Michigan.

Tom Rosson is doing a fine job as state youth director of Michigan. He and his wife reside in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Harold and Edna (Esau) Thompson recently assumed the pastoral work of the local church in Battle Creek, Michigan. They have a son two years

Madge Carson is married to Kyle (Continued on page 15)

GIRLS



Newport, Tenn., Sunday School Chorus Club. They have broken all records in their Sunday School. Rev. R. L. Beaty, pastor.

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The Pentecostal Groups

REV. W. L. MYERS, GEN. DEL., TRION, GA.

In "Newsweek," published July 18, 1949, we find excerpts from a book written by Dr. Elmer T. Clark. The book is entitled "THE SMALL SECTS OF AMERICA." "In detailed discussion he divides the smaller faiths into five groups"; namely—"Pessimists or Adventists"; "Perfectionists or Subjectivists"; "Charismats or Pentecostals"; "Communists"; "Legalists or Objectivists."

Since I belong to the Pentecostal group, I shall review what the doctor said about it.

"Charismats or Pentecostals: these groups feature 'Charismata' or 'gifts,' such as talking strange tongues, seeing visions, falling into trances, jerking, dancing, and experiencing ecstasies. Holy laughter and the barks ("votaries fall on 'all fours' ... barking and snapping like dogs") are also taken as signs of religious powers. The snake cultists of Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee test their faith and holiness by allowing themselves to be bitten by reptiles. Aimee Semple McPherson and Father Divine and the Purgatorial Society are also Pentecostal."

In the first place, Dr. Clark made a major mistake when he allowed the Newsweek to take these excerpts from his book; as they are a conglomeration

In the article "Men of Little Faiths." there is a great conglomerated volume. This compact mass of faiths is so closely clustered that it will bring the reader under a false impression. The casual reader will readily conclude that all of the Pentecostal groups are allied with socalled "Father Divine, and the Purgatorial Society." If there is any law to protect us from such onslaughts, I am in favor of using it. While there may not be any law to protect us. I am in a position to defend the great Church of God. When the bombastic, high-sounding doctor put us in the same category with the so-called "Father Divine," it stirred my resentment. I see his attempt to deceive by bungling what he calls the small sects. Like all other holiness fighters, he is a professional bungler and lambaster. Instead of wasting time beating, thrashing and chiding roughly,

he should have been giving us sound theology; i. e., if he knows theology. If all the theology in his article were ink, it would not be enough to dot an "i." A literary education does not give a man good sense. If so, Dr. Clark would have kept this foggy, beclouded, misty article out of Newsweek.

Suppose we take five men all bearing the name "Smith": one is a drunkard, one is a liar, one is a thief, one is a murderer, and one is honest. Shall we lump the sum and put them all in the same category because their name is Smith? You say, "No, that would be dishonest dealing." Just so with the pompous, grandiloquent doctor. He puts the true Pentecostals in the same category with the false. Evidently he has not learned that honesty is the best policy.

Note, in the above quotation it can be seen that Dr. Clark confuses the gifts with the manifestations. This is proof that he has a weak understanding of the Bible. He stirs up dust and makes a noise about the Pentecostals speaking in strange tongues, seeing visions, falling into trances, jerking, dancing, and experiencing ecstasies; holy laughter, barking like dogs, and letting reptiles bite them.

Why does Mr. Clark improperly use Bible terms? He would have the reader to believe that talking in other tongues is fanatical. If so, then the 120 on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4) were fanatical: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." He would have the reader to believe that seeing visions is wild vagaries. If so, Peter and Paul had wild vagaries. "Peter fell into a trance" (Acts 10:10). Paul said. "I was in a trance" (Acts 22:17). Why cast reproach upon these great men? He tries to lead the reader to believe that experiencing ecstasies is wild fire. "Ecstasy" applies commonly to engrossing joy. It would take too much space and time to mention all the Bible Christians who experienced ecstasies. I guess my opponent thinks the 120 on the day of Pentecost were drunk. At least he writes like it. He condemns the way they acted on that day. Brother Clark, what about the ecstatic crowd who followed

Jesus on His last journey to Jerusalem? "The disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him. Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." If all the Pentecostals should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out, and that would scare the old present-day Pharisee to death. I am thinking of the old-time Methodist and Baptist, who shouted until they were heard a mile away. Were they fanatical?

And now, "the holy laughter." What is wrong with holy laughter? Laughter is either holy or unholy. I suppose Clark will allow laughing in the shows and ball parks, but none in the church

"Barking and snapping like dogs." This is new to me-never heard of it before. But the Bible does say a lot about twolegged dogs. These ecclesiastical holiness fighters are classed with dogs. "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision" (Phil. 3:2). In this connection Paul has reference to false teachers. These high-sounding teachers were opposed to emotionalism. But Paul said, "My brethren, rejoice in the Lord." Let these fellows bark, but let us keep on shouting the victory. "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Phil.3:3).

"The snake cultists." The Pentecostal group to which I belong does not advocate snake handling. Therefore, I do not plead their cause. Yet I do not lambast them, but try to help them to understand the Bible. After all, handling snakes is no worse than eating tobacco. I do not think a sane man would put a poisonous snake around his neck. Neither do I think a sane man will put a poisonous weed in his mouth. If tobacco is not poisonous, then why will a few drops of nicotine kill a rattlesnake? Some big preacher will blow about like a northeast storm, if some religionists puts a snake around his neck; at the same time, he goes around with a stinking cigar in his mouth, filling his system with nicotine and causing his breath to smell like a tobacco barn. Who is the bigger fool? I think Mr. Clark should get the beam out

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MISSION FILMS FOR RENT

"The Church of God in Guatemala from 1946-1949" is a film which can be rented and used at your church. This is a silent, color, 16 mm, film, with titles, of approximately 25 minutes' length for the showing. It has been prepared both to show the results of missionary work in that country and to introduce our missionaries there. Rental is \$2.50. Brother Horace Mc-Cracken has prepared the film. When writing him, please specify two alternate dates that would be suitable. When your date is confirmed, you will receive some suggestions as to ways of using the film most effectively, and with the film will be handling instructions. Other titles showing other countries will be prepared all along. Write Brother McCracken for information as to other films available. Within two hundred miles of Sevierville, Brother McCracken would prefer to accompany the film and present it. This will benefit the church in that it will assure efficient projection and will permit additional explanatory comment. A freewill offering should be taken for Brother Mc-Cracken. He could make appointments to be at two different churches each week end.

If interested, write Horace Mc-Cracken, Route 1, Sevierville, Tennessee, and he will arrange to either take the film and show it at your place or will send the film to you.

Dear Friends:

Christian Greetings from Hait! There have been some terrible storms recently in the northern and southern parts of Haiti. The location of Port-au-Prince, with mountains on either side, has protected us from the winds and floods that have wrought havoc in so many places. Our minister and his wife in Anse-a-Veau were seriously injured when the attic of their house collapsed and buried them

beneath a pile of debris. Water rose in their house to the eighth step of their stairway. Some houses were completely destroyed. The main road to the south is washed away in places so that buses are still unable to travel to that section.

In our list of statistics last month we included: Orphanage-26 children. We wish that you could see these 26 children with their eager, smiling faces, and hear them as they sing for American visitors "Everyday with Jesus" in their broken English. It would thrill your hearts and make you realize, as we do, that they are our children. We have been thinking that perhaps among the possessions of the junior members of your congregations there are numbers of toys, laid aside and forgotten, that these children would be more than delighted to receive. In addition to giving great joy to our boys and girls here, we believe this would foster a mission spirit among our boys and girls at home. Toys are practically unavailable in Haiti, and our funds do not provide for Christmas toys for our orphans. In order for packages to be received here by Christmas, it would be necessary for them to be mailed immediately. The more dolls that are sent the better. Send all packages by parcel post, and address them to: Church of God Orphanage, c/o Rev. J. H. Walker, Jr., Box A-2, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. We have:

7 boys and 4 girls-ages 4-6

7 girls—ages 8-9

5 girls—ages 10-11

1 boy and 1 girl-age 12

1 girl—age 13

WINTER BRINGS SUFFERING TO GERMANY

(The following paragraphs were taken from a letter received from Mrs. Robert Seyda, missionary to Germany.)

"It seems 'Ole Man Winter' has come to Germany. Sister Lauster is busy, distributing clothing to these poor people. How pitiful when farmers have only enough land to raise a little food on, nothing extra to sell, no money, and with large families. What would they do if you failed to send them your used clothing! I see so many little children thinly clad. Please urge the people to send more winter clothing to Germany. These people are so grateful.

"Oh, if some of the women in America could see how these poor women work out in the fields all day, doing everything by hand, then have such large families to wash, iron, and cook for, with no conveniences! Before they are out of their thirties they look like old women, but they come to church and shout the victory. How I can appreciate my homeland after coming to Germany!"

Let us not forget to send clothing to Germany. I am sure they would especially appreciate clothes made of wool, as well as other warm clothing.

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Scripture Texts:

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"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:11.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:15-17.

The second coming of Christ is one of the greatest hopes of the Christian; it is the "blessed hope" and inspiration of the Church of God today.

The Jews were slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken concerning the "sufferings" of their Messiah; so many today are slow of heart to believe all that they have spoken concerning His glory. Surely the greater reproach is ours, for it ought to be easier to believe that the Son of God would come "in the clouds of heaven," with power and great glory" than that He would come as the Babe of Bethlehem and the Carpenter of Nazareth.

The second advent is a promise to the church as well as to the Jew. Among the last words of comfort and exhortation addressed by our Lord to His perplexed and sorrowing disciples before He accomplished the sacrifice of the cross, were these: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and re-

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ceive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:1-3. The Lord here speaks of "coming again" in precisely the same terms as of His departure. The latter was, we know, personal and bodily. So we dare not say that the former is "impersonal" and "spiritual," but simply means what it says. We are not left in doubt upon this all-important subject, for in the very moment of Christ's disappearance from the sight of His disciples, "two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ve have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:11. The same truth is conveyed in 1 Thess. 4:16-17. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," Titus 2:13. We that are

the Lord's are not of this world. "For our citizenship is in heaven: from whence also we wait for a Saviour. the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself." Phil. 3:20, 21. R. V. Again, in 1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Also, Rev. 22:12. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

The scriptures prove conclusively that the second coming will be personal and bodily: therefore, that it does not mean the death of the believer, nor the destruction of Jerusalem, nor the descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost, nor the gradual diffusion of Christianity: but that it is the "blessed hope" of the church, the time when the dead in Christ shall rise, and those who are alive and ready shall rise to meet the Lord in the air, after the change has taken place according to 1 Cor. 15:51, 52.

There are those, however, who contend that the descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost, was His second coming, but none of the events predicted to accompany the second advent occurred at Pentecost. These are: namely, the resurrection of sleeping saints, 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 1 Thess. 4:13-16; the change of living believers, by which they put on incorruption-their vile bodies being fashioned like unto His glorious body, and their catching up to meet the Lord in the air; also, "the mourning of all the tribes of the earth because of the visible coming of the Son of God in power and great glory." Mat. 24:29-30; Rev. 1:7. These are the phenomena associated with the event of the Lord's return. So when He comes, these phenomena will be present; not one of these things occurred at Pentecost.

Again, there are those who say "the conversion of a sinner is the coming of the Lord"; but, according to the Bible, this is just the reverse order. Conversion is the coming of a sinner to Christ not the coming of Christ to a sinner. Matt. 11:28; John 5:40; and many other scriptures. None of the events above mentioned occurs when a sinner repents.

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Again, the death of a Christian is not the second coming of Christ. The inspired writers always refer to a believer's death as a departure. In not one instance is the coming of the Lord connected with a Christian's death. Phil. 1:23; 2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 5:8.

Dying Stephen saw the heavens opened, and the Son of Man—not coming, but standing on the right hand of God, Acts. 7:55, 56.

Again, "the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans" was not the second coming of Christ. In Matthew 24 and Luke 21, three events are foretold: the destruction of the temple, the coming of the Lord, and the end of the world (age). See Matt. 24:3.

The apostle John wrote the Revelation after the destruction of Jerusalem, but still spoke of the coming as a *future* event. Rev. 1:4-7.

The last promise of the Bible is "Surely, I come quickly"; the last "prayer," "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

There are also other theories, but not worth time to consider here.

The second coming of Christ is the "key" that "unlocks" the Bible. The Bible clearly describes the condition of the earth at the second coming of Christ to be one, not of "millennial" blessedness, but of awful wickedness. Luke 17:26-32; compare with Gen. 6:5-7 and 13:13.

The purpose of God in this dispensation is declared to be not the "conversion" of the "world," but to "gather out of the Gentiles a people for his name." After this He "will return" and "then," and not before, will events fulfill immediately and in the order of the scriptures for the final culmination of all things. I want to inject something here for fear some might not be able to distinguish between the rapture and the revelation and so not be able to follow us in this subject. Rapture means to be caught up, or away. Revelation means appearing or shining forth or manifestation. The rapture occurs when the church is caught up to meet Christ in the air, before the tribulation; and the revelation occurs when Christ comes with His church to end the tribulation by the execution of righteous judgment upon the earth. At the rapture, Christ comes into the air for His church; and at the revelation, He comes to earth with His church. He certainly must come for them before .He can come with them.

Now, must we not have some proof

of the nearness of His second coming? Luke 17:26-30 says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Then people were engrossed in material interests and forgot God, and these conditions will be prevailing just prior to Christ's second return. In Noah's day there was: (1) an increase of city population; (2) progress in civilization; (3) worshipping God as Creator and not as Redeemer as accomplished through the cross of Jesus Christ; (4) fellowship of the church with the world (5) changed law about women and marriage; (6) demon possession; (7) people lovers of mere pleasure rather than lovers of God; (8) wickedness prevailing all over the world.



J. A. Bixler, Pastor at Macon, Ga., and member of Editorial and Publications Board

These conditions are now universal, as they were in the time of Noah. Most crimes now are committed by young people. Seventeen has been proved the age of those by whom most crimes are committed. Just think, high-school age! "In the last days, perilous times shall come."

False Christs, apostasy in the church, cults, and doctrines of demons prevail. 1 Tim. 4:1. Scoffers, worldly people, ridiculing the Bible; second-coming preachers called "obsolete." Travel and knowledge have increased, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Charlots shall be with flaming torches in the day of His preparation, and the fir tree shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets; they

shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches; they shall run like lightning." Nahum 2:3, 4. This, no doubt, refers to automobiles. It was prophesied over 2,600 years ago.

Airplanes also are prophesied. "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it," Isa. 31:5. This was prophesied 2,667 years before it happened in 1917, under the command of General Allenby.

Knowledge surely has increased by radio, by telephone, by telegraph, and the like. We are nearing the end. Social disturbances, economic distress, fear, financial troubles, taxes, strife, and sickness abound. These all precede Christ's second coming; also consolidations and unions, preparing for a superman, the antichrist. The return of the Jews to Palestine is one of the signs. They have been returning without faith in the Messiah. There is apostasy in the church that is not considering the return of Christ. A very small number of people are looking for Christ's return. Luke 12:40. Behold, He is near at hand! Signs also are appearing in the heavens. Are you ready, my friend, for His return?

The second coming is essential to the fulfillment of the functions of Christ. Everything within the economy and plan of God demands it, All scripture concentrates on teaching it. The needs of our common humanity require it. It is an ethical necessity.

But someone will say, "When and where will He come?"

His throne shall be established in Mount Zion, Jerusalem, Isa. 24:23. He shall be enthroned in the hearts of all nations, Psa. 72:17-19. When "his feet shall stand . . . upon the mount of Olives," Zech. 14:4. At the second phase of His second coming He will come with His saints as "King of kings," Rev. 19:16, and those who are His shall live and reign with Him. Rev. 20:4.

In closing this message, may we urge all who are not ready for this great day to prepare now, for time is short; the rapture is now due, and, I believe, could take place any moment without doing violence to a single scripture. The earth is now ripe, ready for harvest. Sin is grieving the great heart of God, and debauchery of the human race is fast coming to an end. So when you see all these things come

(Continued on page 15)

DORCHESTER, Va.-We praise the Lord for a revival conducted by Rev. E. L. Bates and Rev. Walter Simms, of Ramsey, Va. There were 19 saved, 4 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 12 added to the church. We also praise God for the way He is blessing our efforts in our building program. We have a new \$5,000 parsonage, and we are now working on a new church. We have a nice lot, 50 by 125, paid for, with the basement graded out for a 36 by 56 church building, with Sunday School rooms in the basement.

We also praise the Lord for our Willing Workers here. They are untiring workers for God. We have a good pastor, Rev. Herbert A. Stone. Brother Stone is a wonderful man of God. Pray for us.-Lonnie N. Redmon.

MACON, Ga .- We have closed a two weeks' revival here, with Brother Leon Phillips as the evangelist. A number received real experiences from God. Some were saved, several sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was really blessed

by Brother Phillips' messages. He is a fine young preacher, fully consecrated to the Lord's work. I can truly recommend him to anyone.-J. A. Bixler, Pastor.

BERA, Ky.-We have just closed a wonderful three weeks' revival with evangelist and Mrs. Ernest M. Beals doing the preaching. There were 8 saved, 3 sanctified, 6 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. Some wonderful healings took place during the revival. Brother Beals is a Holy Ghost preacher and will be a help to any church. His address is Box 945, Lexington, Ky.—Carlie Horn, Pastor.

GREENVILLE, N. C .- We are happy to report on one of the best revivals the Church of God here has had in quite some time. Brother E. L. Moore. of Raleigh, N. C., was the evangelist.

Brother Moore did some wonderful preaching each evening, under the anointing of the great Holy Ghost. The power of God was real in every service, and many souls were blessed. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 were added to the Church.

We surely thank God for the souls that were won to the Lord through Brother Moore's faithful efforts in each service. He was a great blessing to us here and we feel that any church would do well to have him for a revival. Pray for the work in Greenville.-Hazel Mills, Reporter.

AYNOR, S. C .- We have just closed a revival with Rev. Freemon Byrd, of Dillon, S. C., as our evangelist. Brother Roy Hulon was with him to assist with music and special singing. Brother Byrd preached under the anointing of the Spirit, and the power of God was manifest in our service each night. There were 8 saved, 6 sanctified, and 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost .- E. B. Boatwright, Pas-

LA GRANGE, Ga.-We have just closed a four weeks' revival with Rev. Frank Patterson, evangelist, preaching the gospel in the old-fashioned way. There were 12 saved, 6 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. In the healing services each Friday night many were healed of divers diseases. Anyone desiring an evangelist who is not afraid to preach the truth will do well to get in touch with Brother Patterson. His address is, Rev. W. Frank Patterson, 1404 Murphy Ave., La Grange, Ga.-Clyde N. Bolt. Pastor.

THE CHURCH OF GOD'S LARGEST SINGING SCHOOL



WHERE? ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA

The above picture was taken the last night of the singing school. On the front bench is the music teacher, Rev. W. H. Yates, and the pastor, Rev. J. R. Easom.

There was an enrollment of 218 students. A tide of enthusiasm prevailed in the two weeks of classes. Reverend Yates was gratified with the many talents in the Erwin Church. There are more special singers than can be used in a single service. The pastor was also pleased with the results of the school and the training of the quartets, trios, duets, and soloists which are sure to prove beneficial to the church in the future. Many of the students with a particular interest in music took advantage of the private lessons offered in addition to the regular group classes.—J. E. McLamb, Clerk. ********************

Some Things to Think About



Vet Willed \$74,000,000

Just home from war service in Europe, Pfc. Harold Ray Phillips has revealed that he inherited a fortune of \$74,000,000 from his uncle. Augustus A. Smith, who died in Chicago in December, 1944.

Reports say the estate includes cash and properties in White Plains, N. Y.; Miami, Fla., and other places.

Russia and the Bible

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Colonel Miles, Secretary of the Russian Missionary Society, says that since May, 1929, it has been illegal in U.S.S.R. to print, publish, distribute or circulate the Sacred Scriptures or any part of them. No modification of this law has taken place. No permission has been granted to anybody to distribute God's Word in Russia proper.

The leaders of the Christian denominations in Great Britain forwarded a petition to Moscow through M. Maisky the Soviet ambassador in London, asking that religious freedom be granted to the people of Russia, but in the words of a prominent Baptist leader, there is merely at present, "an opportunist easing of pressure without change of the legal position."

Lady of the Night

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Growing in front of the missionary home at St. Johns, Antigua, is a rare flower. In the daytime the blossoms look a little wilted and faded. As night comes on the blooms take on new life, the color becomes richer, and the fragrance is enriched a hundredfold. All through the dark hours of the night the unseen flower is sending out its perfume, but at sunrise it again surrenders its commission and waits for another sunset. It is called the "Lady of the Night." What a lesson to Christian workers! Then we think of some choice saints we have known, who have been laid aside because of affliction, and life to them has been one long night of suffering, yet there is a richness about their experience that makes us think of this tropical flower that unfolds its fragrance during the dark hours of the night.—The P. H. Advocate.

More Than 90 per cent of Hungarians Ask Religious Instructions

BUDAPEST (RNS)—Well over 90 per cent of Hungarian parents have requested religious instruction for their children in the nationalized State schools, according to incomplete re-turns here. Under a recent Government de-cree, compulsory religious education was abolished and religious instruction placed on an optional basis. Parents were advised they must make their wishes known to school authorities either orally or in writing by Sep-

authorities either orally or in writing by September 15.

The Ministry of Cults advised school principals that they were at liberty to extend the deadline to the end of September. In addition, Ministry officials indicated they may change the procedure in the future to require notification only from parents who do not want their children to receive religious education.

The reason for the latter decision appears to be the overwhelming volume of demands by parents requesting religious instruction. Government leaders are reported considerably surprised by the high percentage of parents in favor of religious education for their children.

Church leaders of all faiths had urged arents to register their children for the religious instruction.

Final figures on the total number of parents who have requested religious instruction are expected to be made available early in October. Catholic sources estimate that the percentage in favor of the instruction may be as high as 98.

Language of Varied Groups

The United Presbyterian reports that the Bureau of Information has published the fol-lowing relative to other nationalities in the

United States:
English is listed as the mother tongue of 93,049,040 of the 118,393,040 white population. Most of those whose mother tongue is other than English were foreign born, while others are their children brought up where the foreign language is the language of the home. German is the mother tongue of 4,949,780. This is the largest group of foreign language residents of the United States. Other groups important because of their numbers are: Italian, 3,765,820; Polish, 2,416,320; Spanish, 1,861,400; Yiddish, 1,751,100; French, 1,412,080. The Spanish-speaking residents are mostly of Mexican origin and are concentrated in the Southwestern States, while French Canadians and Louisanians of French descent account for most of those speaking French.

The Census Bureau notes that foreign-born persons declined in number in the deca-te between 1930 and 1940, and that nearly 53 per cent of their children—the second generation—report English as their mother tongue in 1940, as compared with only about 30 per cent 20 years ago in 1920. Thus it appears that immigrants of a foreign mother tongue are less inclined than formerly to use it in their homes and thus teach it to their children.

Georgia to Prob Payment of Teachers in Church **Operated Schools**

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—Georgia's State Board of Education has begun an investigation to determine whether it is providing payment to teachers of church-operated schools in violation of the State Constitution. Complaints have been made that the Dasher Bible School in Lowndes County, Ga., which has two State-paid teachers, is not eligible for

State funds, Assistant State School Superintendent J. I. Allman told the Board.

The Board ordered an investigation to determine whether the Dasher school is eligible. It also directed State school supervisors to determine whether Waluska School at Rhinehart College, a Methodist college in Cherokee County, and the grammar school at Toccoa Falls Institute, a non-sectarian institute which trains missionaries, are eligible to continue receiving State funds for teachers.

Georgia's State Constitution declares that "no money shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, or denomination of religionists, or any sectarian institute."

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Dr. G. H. Morrison wrote: "I have all my
life been a reader of biographies, which I consider the most fruitful of all reading. In all
the great lives I have studied there is one
thing they had in common. Every life had
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Abraham was, I am."

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man to a servant of the Lord who was sitting with him in a railway coach, "I ran away from home. I have been longing to come back, but father does not answer my letters. I wrote mother, but an not waiting for her reply. I told her if it was all right she must hang a white rag on the crab apple tree down near the railroad track where I could see it from the train. If I do not see the white rag, I shall go on by. We are getting near, and I am afraid to look for fear the white rag will not be there."

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"I will look for you," said the Christian. As they came in sight of the tree he ex-claimed, "Look! Look! there is a white rag on every limb of that tree!"

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you"—Isaiah 66:13.—Selected. ******************

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We, the State Youth Board of the Churches of God in Georgia, in a Board Meeting on November 3, were discussing the fine work the WORKERS' BULLETIN was doing among our teachers and workers of Sunday School and Y. P. E..
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Amalek

Charles Elmo Robinson

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One of the many strangely mysterious things about the life of a Christian is, that we are declared to be "the light of the world." When Jesus was here in the flesh. He said. "I am the light of the world." Now that we have moved into Him, and He has moved into us. He says to us, "Ye are the light of the world." How great is the honor He thus pays us! But even after that, it sounds strange to hear Him say of us, speaking to His Father, "I am glorified in them." So long as we are like Him, and joyously represent Him we glorify Him. Amazing thought!

The importance of our living stainless, unblemished lives for personal reasons is vast. But as we realize that we are glorifying Him by such living, the urge we feel to holiness is greatly increased. But yet a little more must be added to this. When we live lives that glorify Jesus, "God is glorified in him" and, as He says, "If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself." John 13:32. How we do love our precious Lord Jesus!

But there are some who, instead of glorifying Jesus, actually take from His glory. They do not obey Him in all things; and, as He says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," our disobeying Him amounts to a confession that we do not love Him as we should.

Samuel, speaking for God, said to Saul: "Go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." Without allowing ourselves to become entangled in questions of ethics we see at once that Amalek is a type. It stands for all the things in our nature that hinder our being wholly given up to God—hinder our being dead to the world.

God's word to Saul required him to do to Amalek what God expects us to do to the evil things in our nature. Amalek was a hindrance, a menace to the spiritual prosperity of the Israelites. Evil things in our nature are a hindrance to our becoming what God wants us to be—"a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing," Eph. 5:27.

But just as God demanded full obedience and the complete destruction of Amalek in that day, the God who changes not demands of us that the evil things in our human nature be purged, with the same heartbreaking finality and completeness, if we would fully please Him in this day. The Holy Spirit having inspired the writing of the account of Saul's failure, illustrates the truth stated by Paul, "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." Rom. 15:4. It tells us what we need to know.

Saul obeyed, in a broad and general way, but because he neglected some of the details the Amalek incident became his Waterloo. Although he was permitted to live several years longer, it was a life of incessant vexation and defeat, marred by many unmanly deeds of jealous rage, and finally reaching an ignominious ending. It is easy for us to think of Saul in ways highly uncomplimentary to him; but when we set about looking at ourselves. realizing that we are called upon to do to our carnal natures just what Saul was commanded to do to Amalek, we find it far less easygoing.

Probably many of us have sincerely felt as Saul expressed himself, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." But looking at the matter with the candor and caution called for by its importance, we see that the statement must be subjected to two tests: (1) Is the obedience cheerfully and happily given. The man who gives to the poor or to the Church, although he does it relunctantly, is obedient, but it is the cheerful giver whom God loves. 2 Cor. 9:7. Obedience, to satisfy the Lord, must be spontaneous, voluntary. The boy of whom Jesus told, who first said he would not and later did obey his father, rendered obedience, but evidently of a sort not fully satisfactory. Doing what we do heartily as unto the Lord is essential if we would fully please the Lord. (2) Is the obedience perfect? In a broad, general sense Saul had destroyed Amalek, but there were exceptions-small things, however, as compared to the things done. So it may be with some of us who have reckoned ourselves dead indeed unto sin. We have testified with Paul, "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God," and in a broad, gen-

eral sense it is true. We do love the Lord. We are happy, even joyful in His service. We are looked upon as fine saints, although we do still give our chief attention to making money, instead of to seeking "first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Like the one who received the one pound, we have honestly kept and accounted for the pound, but we have spent our time in working for ourselves. We are to have a reward, but it is not to be acceptable as the reward will be of those who received more than one pound and set to work striving with might and main to increase the amount and accounting for it all to our Lord.

It may be that some of us have shown ourselves unworthy of Jesusunworthy of being accepted by Him to be of the wife of the Lamb-because we have failed to love Him better than father or mother, better than sons and daughters. Matt. 10:37. We know that for every idle word that man shall speak they must "give account thereof in the day of judgment." but our love for chitchat has been so great that we have not had the heart to really eliminate all the idle words. It has seemed hard to be so unlike the world around us. Maybe some of us have schooled ourselves against saying anything that might show envy or jealousy; but to eradicate the envy or jealousy itself-well, Saul could not bear to destroy King Agag. So we have indulged ourselves in privately envying our brother. Some of us have honestly paid our tithes and faithfully put in our offerings, but to do these things with real cheerfulness-it has seemed to us we were doing pretty well not to have used the money for the nice things we could have bought with it. It may be too that some of us have put a stop to repeating evil things about the brethren when they were known only by hearsay; but things we have seen that were to the discredit of some brother or sister-to keep these things shut up in the secret of our own hearts-well, anyway we didn't tell but one about what we saw.

It has not been unknown for Christians to serve their employers with more zealous care when they were under observation than they did when they believed that no one would know it if they played the "slacker" for a time. Doing that way seemed to be doing only what everybody does, and so, allowable, forgetting that we are not to serve "with eyeservice as men-

pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

In a word, some of us, if we are called upon as Saul was to meet our "Samuel," apprized beforehand as he was by God, that we were depending more on our profession and our sacrifice offering to God than we were on obeying the words of the Lord, we should likely feel like saying, after Saul, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way the Lord sent me." It was a natural thing that Saul said, judged by present-day standards.

When we heeded the beseeching of the Lord and presented our bodies to Him, He declared them holy, and told us that in so doing we had done only what was reasonable and right. He allowed us to continue to use and live in our bodies, although given to the Lord. He reminds us that really it was not a gift, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:20. But how often we have disobeyed the laws of nature given by God for the welfare of our bodies, even going to such extremes of carelessness that Satan has been permitted to smite the body with sickness. Many physicians, as well as learned dieticians, declare that more sickness and more kinds of sickness result from what Luke calls "surfeiting" (Luke 21:34-36)—that is, eating food containing more fat, starch, and sugar than our bodies need-than from any other cause. Nevertheless, things look, taste, and smell so good, and, besides isn't one expected to eat what is set before him, asking no questions for conscience sake? It is much easier to follow Saul's slack form of obedience. So, when the smiling hostess says, "You must have another helping of this mashed potato; the cream and butter in it make it delicious," we say, "I ought not to eat any more, but, yes, please," and our obedience become like Saul's. Then comes the dessert. Dessert, you know, is that attractive-looking and tasty concoction one is expected to praise as he eats it, when he has already eaten more starch and sugar than his body requires. The temptation to surfeiting or gluttony is presented to the people of God at thousands of tables every day, in this land of groaning

There are those, too, who give more thought and painstaking care to the artistic arrangement, tint, and quality of the furniture in their homes than

they do to having everything so attractive in the church that lost men and women will be drawn to its services and be saved. Others act as though they had never even read "Whereas there is among you envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? for while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" 1 Cor. 3:3, 4. Some of us seem to felicitate ourselves more over being in the denomination of our choice than we do over knowing our names are written in heaven, heeding what pleases the flesh more than what

pleases the Lord.

It was difficult for Saul to fully obey in destroying Amalek, and he failed, with vast and terrible evil results suffered by him. Just so it is difficult for us to obey God to the full, loving the world not at all, yielding ourselves and all we have completely to Him and His service without hesitation or regrets. Saul failed, and some of us seem to fail; but we have what he did not have. The Saviour in loving kindness has given to us His Holy Spirit to comfort our hearts and guide us through all our difficult places. Therefore we should not fail.

Oh, Praise the Lord

COLUMBUS, Ohio—We are praising God above all things for the complete and instant healing of our baby, Rita Sue, five months old, who had a bad case of T.B. Doctors said it would take months, or maybe years, to cure her. We praise God for faith to believe He completely heals, and He did.

On Sunday, August 21, our pastor Rev. D. G. Phillips, went with us to the T.B. hospital to pray for her and to put the anointed handkerchief on her which Rev. C. L. Heaston had anointed and prayed for at the close of the Ohio state camp meeting. Brother Phillips put the handkerchief on her, and we prayed for a few minutes. She was completely healed while we prayed. We saw the instant change in her and knew she was healed. Three days later she was released from the hospital without a trace of T.B.

It's just like Jesus to take even the shadows away. He is so wonderful to us we just can't praise Him enough. We truly know this is a miracle, a thing that only God could do, and to Him goes all the credit, the glory and praise. Bless His wonderful name!—Mr. and Mrs. William Painter.

FORT PIERCE, Fla.—Thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings to us and for the sweet Holy Ghost and His great healing power. I thank Him for the path of righteousness that leads us to eternal life.—Jessie Cox.

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn.—I truly have lots to praise the Lord for. Brother Thea Jones prayed for me on the 28th of May, and I was healed of tuberculosis in both lungs. Surely our God can do all things. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men," Psalm 107:8.—Mrs. Lucille Fox.

LA FOLLETTE, Tenn.—I praise God for healing my body. The doctors said it would take an operation of the spine and back to ever help me, but praise God He did it all. He is able, and if we serve Him and trust Him, He will do as He has said.—Virgil H. Shears.

MT. PARK, Okla.—I praise God for saving and healing me. I feel so much better now, knowing I have someone in my heart that cares for me.—Wanda Lemaster.

I praise God for the many things He has done for me during the twenty-seven years I have been a Christian. He has healed me many times when I was very sick. I would never be able to express God's greatness to me.—Mrs. Eva Taylor.

SEVILLE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for healing a boil on the side of my face. I also praise Him for the *Evangel*. Pray for my husband and me that we will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. W. F. Allen.

MARKED TREE, Ark.—When I was fifteen years old, I had asthma very bad. A sister sent me an anointed handkerchief as a result of a request, which was laid on me. When I was prayed for, the Lord healed me. I can't thank God enough for His mercy and goodness to me.—Miss Anna Mae Carr.

ILLINOIS LADIES' WILLING WORKERS' BAND

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The Lord said unto Moses, "What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod." Exodus 4:2. Here God was speaking to Moses who was somewhat discouraged or doubting the call God had given him. God, to encourage him and to show him that He was with him, and also of His great power, asked him the question "What is that in thine hand?" When he had obeyed God and dropped it to the ground, the rod became a serpent. He was somewhat fearful, but God said, "Take it by the tail." Moses obeyed, and it became a rod in his hand. The great God of Israel, with this sort of miraculous working power, can do anything, if we, as individuals, will obey Him. God has not saved us to sit on the stool of do nothing, but has saved us for a purpose, that we might go and bear fruit for Him.

The great harvest field is white and ready for harvest. There is work for all to do. You can not do my work, neither can I do yours, because we all have more than we can finish. The night is fast approaching when no man can work, so we must work while it is day. The task is too great for us, as weak dust worms of the earth. So the great Master tells us we are laborers together with Him. What a wonderful privilege to have Him in

partnership with us.

Sometimes we, like Moses, may feel that we are not qualified and are too weak to do anything. But let us remember that Moses only had a rod in his hand. Nehemiah and his faithful laborers had a mind to work, and even though the outlook was dark, the surroundings were discouraging, walls down, and rubbish everywhere, they made their plans and went to work. "We made our prayer unto God" (Neh. 4:9) and a great work it was. They did not allow anything to hinder. Even though they had great opposition, they were interested and did a great work. With their cooperation and willingness, and God with them. they accomplished what they started out to do.

Gideon had the small number of 300 faithful followers, but in obedience and willingness to work and stand in their places, with only pitchers and lights, but God with them, they won a great victory.

David had only a sling and five stones, but he went in the name of the God of Israel, using what he had, with the anointing of God upon him, and was willing to meet the great glant, and a blessed, glorious victory was won for Israel.

What do you have? Many are sitting idle, saying, "I can't do anything; it can't be done in our town, or church." But there was the lad who had only five loaves and two fishes, yet Jesus Himself touched and blessed them and fed the hungry thousands, and there was more after all was filled than there was at the beginning.

Look around; there is something you can use. What a wonderful privilege you and I have of taking part in this great program of the Lord. There is a place for every one and something that each can do, from the smallest to the greatest.

The widow had only a small amount of meal and oil, but she fed the prophet of God, herself, and her son, and it did not decrease. She was planning to eat the small amount and die, but she had a vision of what God can do, and it changed her outlook on life.

God can use us with just what we have and what we are, if we are willing and obedient, consecrated to Him, interested in this great cause, and want, above everything else, to see the work of the Lord move on. He is to come for all his willing workers some glad day, at His appointed time, and take them to the great marriage supper of the Lamb. He will bring His reward with Him, to give everyone according as his works shall be. Through all eternity we can rejoice that we were counted worthy to have a place in His great harvest field down here. After the "great in the eyes of the world" have ceased to shine, those who have been faithful and used what they had for Him will shine as the stars for EVER AND

Don't you want to be more faithful and use what you have for Him?

We do so much appreciate those who sent us their reports. Only seventeen this month. What is hindering your church band from reporting? May the Lord bless every one of you. AUBURN, \$25.00. This is a new church. Think that is fine.

CARMI, \$62.30. Good for Carmi. They are faithful.

CHAUNCEY, \$9.50. Good for Chaun-

cey. Keep the good work going.

CARRIER MILLS, \$116.64. Good for Carrier Mills. They are doing a great work, Bought living room furniture, refrigerator, and other things for the parsonage, lately.

CHICAGO—LAVERGNE, \$10.00. God bless Lavergne. Keep on keeping on. CLINTON, \$131.95. Good for Clinton. They are building a new church. The ladies are helping. Had a chicken fry and raised this amount on the church for September.

ELDORADO, \$54.25. Eldorado is also helping on the building fund and have been very faithful through the months to report as well as work.

FAIRFIELD, \$32.25. Fairfield is worthy of praise. While only a very few, they have paid \$100.51 on their church building and are very good to report.

HARRISBURG, \$47.20. God bless Harrisburg. They always report and are

faithful to work.

LAWRENCEVILLE, \$101.68. They have bought furniture for the parsonage and are on the job. Keep working, Lawrenceville.

LOGAN, \$26.40. We appreciate Logan's faithfulness in reporting. They have done some nice work too. God bless you, Logan Willing Workers.

MIDWAY, \$9.12. Not so big this month, but they have done a good work, buying refrigerator, washing machine, and other things for the parsonage. Watch them.

MT. VERNON, \$123.26. Has done a great work. They also have paid hundreds of dollars on the new church building. They are faithful

in reporting.

NORRIS CITY, \$132.42. Norris City stands out in their work. Only a very few of them but they have accomplished great things. Their new church is almost out of debt, and they have done lots towards it, as well as buying furniture for the parsonage. Hurrah for Norris City!

ROBINSON, \$20.26. Robinson is a faithful-working crowd, Through the months they have worked and reported. God bless them.

SESSER, \$9.25. Sesser always comes with their reports—some large, some small. God bless you.

SPRINGFIELD, \$30.65. Springfield is on the map. Perhaps we shall be hearing more of them.

Other bands have done a great work in raising money for various things but are a little careless in reporting. COME ON, LET'S ALL REPORT!

LEE COLLEGE NEWS

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Hudson, of Wyandotte, Michigan. She is active in church work.

T. L. and Marie (Kilgore) Mansfield are now living in Dayton, Ohio.

Dorothy Littlejohn recently visited the campus. She informs us that she serves as cashier for the Montgomery Ward Company, of Port Huron, Michi-

Dorothy Beckman is now Mrs. Roy Thompson of Glenham, South Dakota. Lois Beckman is now Mrs. Wellwood Kent, of Walker, South Dakota.

Lewis Peeler is state youth director of Colorado. He is also evangelizing in the state.

Leroy Carver is pastoring a church in Nicholls, Georgia.

Russell Tiday is pastoring the local church in Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

James Stephens is pastor of the West Detroit Church of God in Michi-

Eveline Nesslerodt is bookkeeping in Petersburg, West Virginia.

J. T. Milligan has recently been discharged from the Air Corps and is residing in Venice, California

Paul Milligan is evangelizing in the state of Kentucky.

Tommazine (Simmons) Childress is active in church work in Greenville. South Carolina.

Kathleen McDonald is now Mrs. Al Redman, of Davenport, Iowa.

Lyle Jackson is pastoring the local church in Muskegon, Michigan.

Nell Campbell is teaching English in a senior high school in North Carolina.

Joel and Bess (Whitlow) Irving are living in Peoria, Illinois. Joel plans to enter Bradley University in January.

Raydeen Pedigo recently moved to Cleveland, and is employed at the local telephone office here.

Opal Morgan is teaching grammer school in Mississippi.

Clyne Buxton is evangelizing in

Mary Alice Woodward is married to Lee Wilson, of Pierson, Florida.

La Vail Maguire is pastor of the local church in Big Rapids, Michigan. Orville Childers is successfully evangelizing in the state of Oklahoma.

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS (Continued from page 9)

to pass, "look up for your redemption draweth nigh," and remember, as "a cloud received him out of their sight . . . this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go." As He went, He will return. Our souls should cry out again and again, "So come, Lord Jesus."

May God add His blessings to the readers of this message is our prayer.

THE PENTECOSTAL GROUPS

(Continued from page 6)

of his own eye, so that he can see clearly how to get the mote out of his fellow man's eye.

Newsweek, the magazine that carried the above excerpts for Clark's book, July 18, 1949, carried three deplorable pictures. On the front cover is a man pulling fire out of a big cigar. On page 62 are three men and a woman. The woman has a big reptile over her right shoulder and another one looking over her left shoulder. Her hands are clinched just below the head of another one. On page 73 there is a half naked woman all hugged up with a man. Just what kind of impressions do these pictures make on children? Quite an appropriate magazine, however, to give publicity to Clark's type of writing.

They Say ...

"The Things Which Hurt Instruct"

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"Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say" (Exod. 4:12). Dwight L. Moody was once preaching to a great crowd in one of his meetings. He was putting his very soul into it as he always did. He was thinking more about the content of his message and of its effect upon the hearts of men than the precise literary form of it. There was a certain fastidious gentleman sitting on the platform that night, and at the close of the service he went to Mr. Moody and said, "By the way, I noticed that you made eleven mistakes in grammar in your sermon tonight." "Very likely." replied Mr. Moody, "I don't doubt it for a minute. My early education was faulty. I often wished that I had received more schooling. But I am using all the grammar I know in the service of Christ. How is it with you?" We are not told what reply the man made, but I hope that he went home and read a chapter in the Bible rather than another page of grammar, and then prayed for a new heart. "Such as I have I give Thee," that is the attitude which counts.

I never have in my whole life met a man who really knew the Bible and rejected it. The difficulty has always been an unwillingness to give it an honest trial. Our Lord Himself says, "Ye will not come unto me, that you may have life."—Dr. Howard A. Kelly.

Salt Creates Thirst

At a missionary meeting some young people were discussing the text, "Ye are the salt of the earth." One suggestion after another was made as to the meaning of salt in this verse. "Salt imparts a desirable flavor," said one. "Salt preserves from decay," another suggested. Then at last a Chinese Christian girl spoke out of an experience none of the others had. "Salt creates thirst," she said and there was a sudden hush in the room. Everyone was thinking, "Have I ever wade accept thirst," for the Jord Jorne Christ,"

made anyone thirsty for the Lord Jesus Christ?

If prayer does not drive sin out of your life, sin will drive prayer out of your life.—Crusader.

Punctuality

God does everthing on time. Seasons come and go on time; the earth swings in its orbit of millions of miles to a minute. Suns and systems sweep their unmeasured circles without the loss of a second. Jesus came exactly the time appointed. Pentecost was not a minute late, and Christ will appear again at the exact moment scheduled.

John Wesley, under the divine momentum of this principle, exhorts, "Be punctual, do everything exactly at the time." A habit of breaking this principle unfits for any place in God's kingdom. The

minister who begins service ten minutes late is a thief. He robbed his people of that much time. If there were 300 people waiting, he robbed them of 3,000 minutes—five working days, besides setting an example still more damaging, and injured their confidence in his faithfulness in meeting engagements.—Unknown.

Martin Luther said, "I know not the way He leads me, but well do I know my Guide. **^^^^^^^^^^**

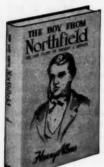
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This is a powerful book of faith. It is set in exciting days, and describes a time when a person's testimony might well mean his life. It contains suspense, adventure, comfort and courage— it describes the persecutions of the Christians under Nero, and shows how the Christians lived and worshipped in those harrowing, yet glorious days. It is Christian fiction at its highest, noblest peak. The Pathway Book Club is happy to announce it as its very first selection.

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